

## I-405 Projects Update

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### I-405 On-Ramp at NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street Closes for Seven Weeks Beginning in Mid-August

Crews working on the Totem Lake Freeway Station Project will close the northbound on-ramp from westbound NE 124<sup>th</sup> for up to seven weeks (from mid-August to early October) to build retaining walls and realign the ramp.

We had previously announced that we would close this ramp beginning July 28, but our contractor, Max J. Kuney Construction, revised their construction schedule to minimize inconvenience to drivers. The overall project schedule will not change because we postponed this ramp closure.

Please visit the [WSDOT](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov) and [Sound Transit](http://www.soundtransit.org) Web sites for more information on the Totem Lake Freeway Station project.

### Construction Alert: Low Clearance on Totem Lake Blvd. Exit

The northbound exit to Totem Lake Blvd. has a temporary 15-foot clearance where this ramp crosses under construction scaffolding on the NE 124<sup>th</sup> St. bridge. Trucks taller than 14 feet should use the exit to NE 124<sup>th</sup> St. [Serious consequences](#) can result if drivers don't heed the low clearance warnings.

We're widening the north side of the NE 124th bridge. Traffic traveling westbound on NE 124th Street to northbound I-405 will be able to bypass the traffic signal at the intersection of NE 124th St. and the northbound off-ramps. This construction is part of the Totem Lake Freeway Station Project.

### Heavily Used Alternate Route Gets New Road Surface

State Route 202 (Woodinville Redmond Road) is a major commuter route between the cities of Woodinville and Redmond in King County and scores of drivers use it instead of I-405. WSDOT just began work on resurfacing a three-mile section of SR 202 between Woodinville and Redmond. The highway between 127th Place NE in southwest Woodinville and NE 124th Street north of Sixty Acres Park is in need of repair.

This paving project will preserve the pavement, improve driving conditions and ensure safety for everyone using this road. This work improves the road surface and extends the life of the roadway,

which saves taxpayers money in the long run. In addition, we will make other improvements to this section of road to increase safety including adding new signing, restriping the road, replacing traffic data loops, and upgrading the sidewalks. The project should be complete this fall. For more details, check out our [SR 202 Paving Project web page](#).

## WSDOT Talks to Kirkland-Area Businesses This Fall

Members of WSDOT's project teams will attend business association meetings in Kirkland this fall to provide information about the upcoming construction on I-405 in Kirkland. We'll tell you about how we're timing construction closures to minimize inconvenience to drivers and how you can find current information on construction, alternate routes, and travel options and incentives to use them.

- [Totem Lake Action Team](#) – Sept. 8, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- [85<sup>th</sup> Action Team](#) – Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., Lake Washington Methodist Church
- [Downtown on the Lake](#) – Sept. 21, 8:00 a.m., FileNet Building
- [Kirkland Chamber of Commerce](#) – Sept. 22, 12:00 noon, Chamber Offices
- [Kirkland Economic Partnership](#) – Sept. 26, 4:00 p.m., Kirkland City Hall
- [Newcastle Chamber of Commerce](#) – Sept. 7, 11:00 a.m., Tapatio on Coal Creek Parkway

These presentations are geared for Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) and other business people coordinating their employees' transportation options, information and resources.

We're also scheduling area business meetings in the Carillon Point and Juanita areas – watch the [I-405 Community Calendar](#) for details.

If you are active in a Kirkland-area business association and would like a presentation, or if your business would like to host an area business meeting for about 30 attendees, contact [Colleen Gants](#) (425-456-8500).

## You're Invited to Upcoming Public Meetings

As we mentioned in a [previous update](#), we're studying the potential impacts that our [Nickel improvement projects](#) could have on the environment. Specialists are currently studying over 20 different environmental issues in the I-405 corridor area, including noise, air quality, traffic, land use, and visual quality.

We've scheduled open houses this fall and winter for you to review the results of our environmental studies and our proposals for minimizing the effects on the environment. Visit the [I-405 Community Calendar](#) or individual project pages (links below) for details on these and other public meetings on the I-405 Corridor.

- [Renton Nickel Improvement Project](#) Open House
  - Early November
- [Bellevue Nickel Improvement Project](#) Open House
  - Tuesday, Dec. 6, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- [Renton to Bellevue Project](#) Open House
  - Thursday, Dec. 8, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to 530 AM or 1520 AM as you drive on I-405 through the Totem Lake area of Kirkland to hear the latest closure information and project updates. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at [Johnsol@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:Johnsol@wsdot.wa.gov).

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